## RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING GROUP 1655

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of the references listed on attached form PTO/SB/08 and any additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A legible copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO/SB/08 is enclosed.

1a. [] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted:

within three months of the filing date (or of entry into the National Stage) of the above-entitled application,  $\bf or$ 

before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits or the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of an RCE,

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1b. [] This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted

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- (2) [] the fee of \$180.00 specified in 37 CFR 1.17(p) is enclosed.
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  - a. [X] that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filling of the Statement, or
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- Consideration of the following list of additional information (including any copending or abandoned U.S. application, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested.
- For each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08, reference is made to:
  - a. [] a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,

- a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith,
- c. [] the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
- d. [X] the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
- e. [] the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
- 5. [X] A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

## 6. [X] COMMENTS

The references cited in the Japanese Office Action as 1 and 6 have been previously cited in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0975, with the EXCEPTION of deficiencies in fees for multiple dependent claims in new applications.

Respectfully submitted.

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